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1. Mahart (ex-Meszhart) the Division for Shipping in the Ministry of Mail and Communications is to be dissolved in the near future, and its functions will be taken over by the Office for River and Sea Shipping (Folyam és Tengerhajozási Hivatal). Personnel thus relieved will be absorbed in the various shipping agencies. 25X1
2. The present Head of the Division of Shipping, Bélai (fnu), an ex-sailor, would be general director of Mahart while Pataki (fnu) would remain Deputy General Director. However, there is still some doubt as to who will finally become the General Director, as Pataki has already been appointed Temporary General Director.
3. The technical department is to be taken over by Emil Forgács, who is Chief Engineer and manager of the technical department in the Division for Shipping of the Ministry of Mail and Communication.
4. József Schuster, accountant in the Division for Shipping, is to take over the Finance Division.
5. A Soviet ministerial executive in charge of Soviet Danube shipping affairs in Vienna, Budapest, and Bucharest named Kupranov (fnu) conferred with Mahart officials at the beginning of October 1954 concerning the future policy of Soviet shipping after the Russian withdrawal from the Hungarian-Soviet Shipping Concern (Meszhart). 25X1

Comment:

Bélai (fnu) is probably identical with József Bélai, who according to a Hungarian press extract dated 6 July 1953, was then Deputy Head of the Chief Navigation Section of the Ministry of Mail and Communication.

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